



# St. Mary Church & St. Nicholas Church



## Voting for our new Parish Name

The Unification Team sent a list of the 11 most voted names to Fr. Jason Malave, the Cardinal's Liaison to RMC. Below are the list of possible names approved by Fr. Jason Malave. Please read the description of each proposed name, along with their image, and cast your votes.

### St. John XXIII

**Feast day: October 11**

St. John XXIII had a profound impact on the 20th century church. He served as a military chaplain in WWI and also as a teacher. He was known as the "Good Pope John". His most influential decision was the call for an ecumenical council which would be known as Vatican II. When he became pope, he met with political and religious leaders from around the world and was focused on reuniting the church and world peace.



### St. Mary & St. Nicholas Parish    Feast Day: August 15 & December 6

Mary, also known as St. Mary the Virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Mary, Mary Mother of God or the Virgin Mary is believed by many to be the greatest of all Christian saints. The Virgin Mother "was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men."

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor. Some children custom to hang stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. And so St. Nicholas is a gift-giver.



### St. Hildegard

**Feast Day: September 17**

St. Hildegard, although venerated for centuries, became a saint only recently. She was blessed with many great gifts and talents. She was a prophet, receiver of mystical visions, writer, poet and musical composer and evangelist. Her love of the natural world and her keen insight into the entwining of God's people and the earth's health make her a model for the work before us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In 2012, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI.



### St. Augustine

**Feast Day: August 28**

St. Augustine, bishop of Hippo, lived from 354 until 430 AD. He is one of the great thinkers, philosophers, and theologians of the church. Augustine grew up in a roman province in Africa. In his auto-biography *Confessions*, he talks about his misspent youth, during which he lived an immoral and sinful life. Through the prayers of his mother, St. Monica, Augustine converted to Christianity, was ordained a priest and eventually, was named bishop of Hippo, a city in Roman North Africa.



### St. Brendan the Navigator

**Feast day: May 16**

St. Brendan is known for the voyages that he and his band of loyal monks took from Ireland to the outside world. This is where historical facts and legend start to blur. Legend has it that he undertook a seven-year voyage to find the "Isles of the Blessed". Some scholars have held that St. Brendan may have journeyed to the Canary Islands, Iceland and even to North America. If this is true, St. Brendan would have reached the Americas a thousand years before Columbus and even several centuries before the Vikings. St Brendan's diligence in preserving the faith and evangelizing to the world resonate with us today.



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### St. John the Baptist

**Feast day: June 24**

John the Baptist was a preacher active in the area of the Jordan River in the early 1st century AD. The Bible says he was related to Jesus and is seen as a forerunner to Jesus, calling for repentance and preparation to receive the Messiah. He is revered as a major religious figure in Christianity and other world religions. He was a prophet and the fulfillment of a prophecy from the Book of Isaiah about a messenger being sent ahead, and a voice crying out in the wilderness, all models for our evangelization today

### St. Louis and St. Zelig Martin

**Feast day: July 12**

Best known for being the parents of St. Therese the Little Flower. St. Louis and St. Zelig were canonized together by Pope Francis in 2015. Together they had 9 children, 5 of whom entered religious life. Two sons and two daughters died in infancy. In life, Louis and Zelig knew great joy and excruciating sorrow. They firmly believed that God was with them throughout every challenge that married life, parenting, and their occupations presented.



### St. Rose of Lima

**Feast day: August 23**



Rose of Lima was the first canonized saint of the New World. From an early age, Rose wanted to become a nun. She often prayed and fasted in secret. She performed secret penances, some of which were painful and severe. She performed daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and took daily communion. At age 20, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic as a lay member, and continued fasting and performing self-imposed penances, including burning her own hands. Rose wore a heavy silver crown with spikes facing inward to remind herself of Jesus's crown of thorns. St. Rose is the patroness of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, those who suffer ridicule for their piety, and people who suffer family problems.

## BALLOT FOR OUR NEW PARISH NAME

Please write a number 1 next to your first choice, 2 next to your second choice, and 3 next to your third choice. Leave the other choices blank. Ballots incorrectly filled out will be discarded. Please, only one ballot per parishioner.

Parishioner Name **(Required)** : \_\_\_\_\_

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| St. John XXIII                 | _____ | St. Brendan the Navigator  | _____ |
| St. Mary & St. Nicholas Parish | _____ | St. John the Baptist       | _____ |
| St. Hildegard                  | _____ | St. Louis and Zelle Martin | _____ |
| St. Augustine                  | _____ | St. Rose of Lima           | _____ |

**All ballots must be received by Monday, September 26 to be counted by the Unification Team.**

**Please place into the collection basket, give to an usher, vote online, or drop off at one of the parish offices.**